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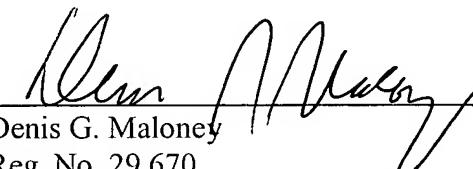
PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated March 14, 2002, be extended for five months to and including October 14, 2002.

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Respectfully submitted,

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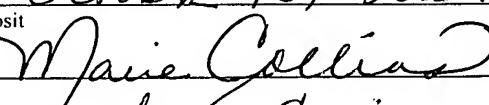
  
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